Violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

1118. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints in regard to violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in several States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Reports regarding violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been received from time to time from various sources including Regional Offices of the Ministry, non-Government Organisations, individuals etc. Reports mostly pertain to use of forest land for non-forest purposes without prior approval of the Central Government or non-fulfilment of the conditions stipulated by the Ministry in the approvals issued under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) The concerned State Governments have been asked to ensure that violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 do not take place. Further, cases involving violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are decided in accordance with the guidelines issued for implementation of the Act.

News regarding Dumping of Mail By Postman

1119. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the several events recently reported in the media about postman dumping large quantities of mail in the garbage;

(b) how many such incidents have come to the notice of Government during this year, and what are in brief the details thereof;

(c) what penal action has been taken against the culprits; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Coal Movement by Railways

1120. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total coal movement by Railways for power plants in 1994-95;

(b) whether movement of coal by Railways commensurate with the targets fixed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The total coal loading by Railways for power plants during 1994-95 was 103 m.t. (provisional).

(b) and (c) The shortfall in coal loading was due to inability of coal companies to offer and load coal as per target during the first half of the year 1994-95.

Poor quality of Post, Telegraph and Telecom Services in Chhatisgarh Region of M.P.

1121. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor quality of essential services available in posts, telegraphs and